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WASHINGTON--THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND GHANA HAVE SHARPLY DISPUTED SEN. THOMAS J. DODD'S CLAIM THAT THE FORMER ENGLISH COLONY IS THE CENTER OF COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN AFRICA.

UNDER PREMIER KWAME NKRUMAH, DODDD SAID, GHANA "HAS BECOME THE FIRST SOVIET SATELLITE IN AFRICA. IT IS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE SUBVERSION OF AFRICA, JUST AS CUBA IS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE SUBVERSION OF THE AMERICAS."

THE CONNECTICUT DEMOCRAT'S CHARGES WERE CONTAINED IN A 165-PAGE REPORT RELEASED YESTERDAY BY THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE POLICIES OF THE SMALL AFRICAN NATION.

THE GHANA EMBASSY HERE, ASKED ABOUT DODD'S COMMENTS, SAID "THIS SURPRISING CONCLUSION IS BASELESS AND A TRAVESTY OF THE TRUTH."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT DEFENDING GHANA AND SAID THAT ITS INFORMATION "DOES NOT SUPPORT THE SUGGESTION THAT GHANA HAS BECOME A SOVIET SATELLITE. IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA FOLLOWS A POLICY WHICH IT DESCRIBES AS ONE OF POSITIVE NEUTRALISM AND IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS POLICY HAS ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH BOTH WESTERN AND EAST BLOC COUNTRIES.

"GHANA HAS NOT ALIGNED ITSELF WITH EITHER GROUPING," THE DEPARTMENT CONCLUDED.

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